

Amendments to the Specification

- 1) Please add the following title to page 1, line 1:

Method and installation for producing, in gaseous form and under high pressure, at least one fluid chosen from oxygen, argon and nitrogen by cryogenic distillation of air

- 2) Please insert the following subtitles:

At page 1, lines 1 and 2:

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 20:

2. Related Art

At page 2, line 23:

Objects and Summary of the Invention

At page 3, lines 18 and 19:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Description of Preferred Embodiments

- 3) Please add the following paragraph to page 3, line 18, after the drawings subtitle and before the preferred embodiments subtitle:

For a further understanding of the nature and objects for the present invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

- Figure 1 illustrates one embodiment of the invention wherein high pressure gaseous oxygen is produced.
- Figure 2 illustrates a second embodiment of the invention wherein high pressure gaseous oxygen is produced.
- Figure 3 illustrates a third embodiment of the invention wherein medium pressure nitrogen is produced.

- 4) Please add the following paragraph to page 15, line 31:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- 5) Please add to page 22, starting at line 1, the following subtitle and paragraph:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A process and apparatus for highly efficient production of industrial gases by the cryogenic distillation of air, wherein a feed stream of compressed air, is supercharged to high pressure, cooled, and mixed with various recycle streams of supercharged air, to regulate the expander turbine operating temperature. The need for pre-cooling equipment downstream of the supercharger, which is widely employed in industry to manage the temperature of the incoming compressed air stream, is eliminated.